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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 10, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I, corresponding to Claims 1-13, drawn to a method of making a keratinase. Applicants have canceled Groups II and III, corresponding to Claims 14-30, drawn to a recombinant Bacillus having ker A inserted into its chromosome (Claims 14-27) and to a method of making a recombinant Bacillus (Claims 27-30). This cancellation is being made without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications for these claims. This election is made without traverse.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request favorable examination and allowance of Claims 1-13.

Respectfully/submitted

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